

HABS, PA. SI-GERM, 91-10

PENNSYLVANIA  
State

Philadelphia (51)  
County

PHILADELPHIA  
Town or Vicinity

125  
1P  
4d\*

Structure LIVEZEY HOUSE (Glen Fern)

(PA-14)

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Livezey Ln., at E side of Wissahickon  
Creek, Fairmount Park. Wissahickon schist  
rubble, 34' (four-bay front) x 38' with  
one-and-a-half story lateral wings (orig-  
inally approx. 34' x 20'), two-and-a-half  
stories (originally one-and-a-half),  
gable roof, front balcony; two front

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SUPPLEMENTAL  
FORM CATALOG  
Form 10-444 (2/62)  
(Glen Fern)

HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

(PA-14)

rooms and large back room (once central hall plan); springhouse. Built between 1733 and 1739; enlarged to rear and raised one story ca. 1765; wings built before 1853, altered later. Fine example of 18th c. Delaware Valley farmhouse. Purchased 1747 by Thomas Livezey, farmer, miller, Justice of Peace and provincial commissioner; owned by Livezey Family until acquired by Fairmount Park Commission, City of Philadelphia, 1869. Valley Green Canoe Club since 1909. 1 ext. photo (1972).

*12 sheets drawings, 4 data.*

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STATE	COUNTY	TOWN OR VICINITY	129 3d
PENNSYLVANIA	PHILADELPHIA	PHILADELPHIA	LIVEZEY'S LA. & WISSAHICKONCE
INDEX NUMBER	MONUMENT		
PA. 51-GERM. 91	"GLEN FERN"	(LIVEZEY HOUSE)	
REPRESENTED IN NEGATIVE FILE	H.A.B.S. SURVEY NO.	HISTORY: BUILT 1733 BY	
✓	PA-14	HENRY SELLEN - ENLARGED	
PUBLISHED PHOTOGRAPHS		ABOUT 1765 BY THOMAS LIVEZEY	
✓		PRESENT OWNERS COMMISSIONERS OF FAIRMOUNT PARK	
PUBLISHED DRAWINGS		DESCRIPTION: STONE GABLED ROOF	
FN- 105 (3)		VARYING FROM 1 TO 2 1/2 STORIES	
		REFERENCE: "THE LIVEZEY FAMILY" BY CHARLES HARPER SMITH - 1934	
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GPO 6-8369		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY	

PHILA CHAPTER DRAWINGS (1)  
EBERLEIN + HUBBARD - PORTRAIT  
THE GEORGIAN PERIOD, 1902



OF A COLONIAL CITY, p. 179

OTHER REFERENCES : EBERLEIN, H. D. & LIPPINCOTT,  
H. M. "COLONIAL HOMES OF PHILADELPHIA AND ITS  
NEIGHBOURHOOD" 1912. pp. 267-274 ; COUSINS, FRANK  
& RILEY, P. M. "COLONIAL ARCHITECTURE OF PHILA  
DELPHIA" 1920. pp. 56-59.

A MILL-SITE FROM VERY EARLY TIMES. DURING  
THOMAS LIVEZEY'S TENURE A LARGE GRIST MILL  
WITH A WHOLE COMMUNITY OF DEPENDENT BUILD-  
INGS FLOURISHED HERE.

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